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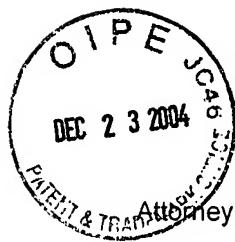
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, the Applicants request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to reconsider all pending claims in view of the amendment and the following remarks.